

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 350  
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mike Richardson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mike Richardson is one such estimable person who served a meritorious twenty-nine years with the United State Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, nearly fourteen years of his career was spent working with the Putman County Soil Conservation District where he assisted Putnam County farmers, other landowners, organizations, schools, and local government with conservation issues and programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson took a much deserved retirement on December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional has been and continues to be an active and important part of his community and his profession; he still participates in numerous worthy organizations, including teaching "Conservation in the Classroom" and "Project Step" in conjunction with Putman County middle schools to educate students about the benefits of preservation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, those who have worked with Mr. Richardson sing his praises and testify to his quick-witted humor and genuine interest in people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Mike Richardson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mike Richardson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mike Richardson for his dedicated service to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Putnam County Soil Conservation District and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.